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In re: Patent Application of)
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App. Ser. No. 09/663,250)) Examiner: Daniel J. Davis
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Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22131-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due" mailed January 11, 2005 (and more particularly the "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review" (mailed September 20, 2002), Applicant hereby submits formal drawings (comprising Figures 1-12, 12B, 13A-13B, and 14-20 on thirteen (13) drawings sheets) prepared in accordance with 37

Application Serial No. 09/663,250 Attorney Reference No. 015US1

CFR 1.84. This submission is within the 3-month period for response of the "Notice of

Allowance and Issue Fee Due" (deadline: April 11, 2005) such that this submission is timely

in accordance with 37 CFR 1.85.

Applicant believes that <u>no fee</u> is required for submission of these formal drawings. If

a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee (or any other fee) from,

or credit any overpayment to, the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2040.

In the event that there are any questions concerning the formal drawings or the

application in general, the Official Draftsperson is cordially invited to telephone the

undersigned attorney so that issuance may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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